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Your letter to your mother is just
received. The death of your daughter must
be keenly felt by you. No regret to hear that
it may impose ^{the} heavy burden upon
you at the office. - Love to all the dear ones.

Roxbury, Dec. 1, 1874.

My dear Wendell:

You will not infer from my pro-
tracted silence that I have ceased to hold
you in constant and loving remembrance.
My bodily pains have been so persistent,
unmitigated, and, in consequence of over-
walking, so aggravated since my last
letter, as to draw heavily upon my nervous
system, and make reading and writing a
wearisome task. I am confined to the house,
and most of the time to my chamber, Dr.
Paine giving me his daily attendance. Em-
ploying Paine to expel pain is felicitously
in accordance with the homoeopathic the-
ory and practice. He speaks encouragingly
as to my ultimate relief, though time alone
can determine when it will be completely
realized. I think I perceive a slight im-
provement within the past two days,

but the case must necessarily prove a stubborn one from its chronic nature.

William or Frank may have informed you that, some days ago, I got Dr. Edward H. Clarke to make a diagnosis of my case. After a careful examination, he said it was not rheumatism, but a sub-acute inflammation of the periosteum, (if that is the technical term he used,) or covering of the bone, extremely difficult to reach, all external applications being useless because unable to penetrate so far, and internal treatment being almost as impotent, because there are so few absorbent vessels connected with that particular part. He gave me a single prescription - the bromide of ammonia - and wished me to try the experiment, for a few days, of systematic but careful and moderate walking, observe the effect, and then make a report to him. I found I was the worse for it, as the local ir-

ritation was increased thereby. He was not sure that the most absolute rest might not be preferable. As I went to him only to obtain his opinion, not for treatment, I concluded to employ Dr. Paine, who is in this neighborhood, and who so signally relieved your mother from a serious attack while I was in Providence. His opinion coincides with Dr. Clarke's as to the nature of my troubles; in addition to which he thinks a cartilage of the left knee has got started, which makes locomotion additionally painful. He counsels as little walking as practicable. By a careful chemical analysis, Dr. Clarke found that my complaint was not owing to the state of the kidneys, no sugar or albumen being found in the urinal discharge, although they are considerably weakened. My sufferings are most acute during the night, causing great restlessness and loss of sleep.

Harry, Fanny, and the children left us a week ago, to occupy a furnished cottage in Montrose Avenue, near Walnut Street, (about a mile from Rockledge,) at the rate of \$1200 per annum. It is a very cosy residence, and a most desirable location for the little ones. We shall greatly miss the family, and our house is now almost painfully quiet; but we shall see each other frequently. Harry is suffering from a severe catarrhal attack. As to his pecuniary affairs, he seems to be in very good spirits. He has hired a fine office in the new Transcript building, for business purposes, and is constantly receiving telegrams from Germany, Oregon, California, &c.

"Cousin Julia Randall" has been spending a week with us, and returns to Providence to-day. We are hoping to have her permanently with us for the winter.

Your loving Father.